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Uniting Church in Australia
Assembly

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the Assembly.

It is with sadness that I write to advise you that due to COVID19, the volatility of our current health context in Australia and the necessary community safety measures, the Assembly is cancelling the National Young Adult Leaders Conference (NYALC) that was due to be held in January next year. This event, hosted by Presidents over the past 15 years, has been an inspiring and encouraging event for young adult leaders of the Uniting Church.

The Uniting Church is an intergenerational Christian community, that values the participation and gifts of all ages. Young adults are contributing significantly to the life and witness of our Church, and the Assembly is committed to providing opportunities and resources for young adult leaders to develop their gifts, deepen their journey with Christ and shape the mission and ministry of our Church. NYALC has been one of those opportunities.

While we are not able to meet together in large groups for a time, I would love to connect with young adults through a series of gatherings that we will host through the Assembly. These will take a similar form to the President's Roundtables, which I have been hosting around the country. I plan to host 7 of them over the next 6 months. I will be sending out invitations for young adults to gather with me and members of the Assembly staff in the coming months and hope you will consider signing up yourself, if you are a young adult, or encouraging young adults in your context to link in to these gatherings.

Please contact me at: president@nat.uca.org.au if you or a young adult you know would be interested in connecting through these Roundtable videoconference gatherings. They will be groups of 12-15 people.

We are living through very challenging and distressing circumstances in Australia and the wider global community. The pandemic continues to have devastating effects across the world. At this time, the Church has continued to be a community bearing witness to the love and compassion of Christ. I pray that together we will be a source of encouragement to one another, and bearers of God's hope in all the contexts in which we live.

It is a joy to be sharing this pilgrimage of faith with you.

May the Holy Spirit bless you with grace, peace and renewed strength in all you are carrying at this time.

Yours in Christ,



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